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SHEVCHENKO OF THE 2nd COM-
PANY RUSSIAN UNIT. S.V.C.
1929
20.3.29 TOKSHENKOFF, IVANOFF, HARCHARAN
SING. CAPT IVANOFF

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No. I. Q. D. 125

Date.....

Date. March 20, 1929

Subject (in full) Information laid by N. Shevchenko of the 2nd Company Russian Unit, S.V.C.

Made by D.I. Robertson.

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On March 13, 1929 information was received by P.C.S. Makhlavsky from an informer to the effect that two men named Toushlanikoff and Ivanoff, members of the 2nd Company of the Russian Unit, S.V.C., stationed at Yangtsepoo Camp, had returned from a day's leave to the barracks at 4 a/m. on March 7. On entering their billet they were observed by another soldier named N. Shevchenko, who had just been relieved from sentry duty, to converse in undertones while Toushlanikoff was seen to wipe blood stains from his clothing with a small dirty Chinese towel, which he replaced in an open box that serves as a locker by his bedside. Shevchenko, who gave the information to the informer in the first instance, immediately came to the conclusion that Toushlanikoff and Ivanoff were responsible for the murder of Harcharan Singh and acting on his own initiative awaited an opportunity to steal the small Chinese towel, which Toushlanikoff had used, and handed it to the informer who forwarded it to this office. The towel was sent to the Municipal Laboratory on March 13 and from the result of the analysis, which is attached herewith, was found to contain human blood stains. On receipt of the original information a watch was kept on Toushlanikoff and Ivanoff and it was found that from March 13 to 19 they did not leave the barracks except on duty. Shevchenko and the informer were further questioned when the former stated that it was on the morning of March 10 at 4 a/m. the men had returned to their barracks and not the morning of the 7th as previously stated by him. It was obvious from his demeanour that he is an irresponsible youthful individual with an imaginative turn of mind.

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Inquiries were continued at the Yangtszepoo camp on the afternoon of March 18 and 19 when it was ascertained that Toushlanikoff and Ivanoff were on leave on March 9 and returned to their barracks at 4 a.m. on the following morning. Both men made verbal statements in the presence of Capt. Ivanoff, camp Commandant, as to their movements while on leave and these were verified and found to be correct.

The question of the ownership of the towel was then inquired into and it was found that nearly every one of the 120 men in the camp possesses a towel similar to the one found by Sherchenko, which is used for cleaning their rifles and general dusting up. It was, therefore, impossible, to fix the ownership on one individual as one man does not know his towel from the other (except possibly ^{amount by} ~~its~~ degree of filth.) It is also possible that although the towel was found in Toushlanikoff's locker it was put there by some one else as the billets are inspected every Saturday when everything in the nature of cleaning material is put out of sight. It is also possible that it was left there by some of the 1st Company of the Russian Unit that previously occupied the billets and were transferred to the Amoy Road barracks on March 1.

Toushlanikoff's and Ivanoff's clothing which they wore on March 9 were also carefully examined and no sign of blood-stains was seen, nor did it appear that the clothes were recently cleaned. It was also ascertained that Toushlanikoff and Ivanoff occupy different huts and on arriving at the camp on the morning of March 10 immediately reported and went to their respective billets.

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In view of the result of these inquiries and of the statement made by Sherchenko I can only suggest that on the latter coming off sentry duty, seeing Toushlanikoff and Ivanoff coming home and with his mind concentrated on the Harcharan Singh Murder, that what he reported was the result of a dream, which was corroborated to a certain extent by his finding the towel.

H. Robertson

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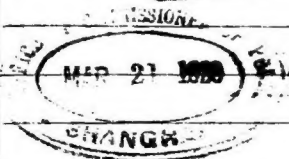
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To The Commissioner of Police,

Material Reported on

Small hand towel received from Det. Insp. Robertson.

Received 15.3.29 Report No. 38484 Sent Out 16.3.29

Preliminary Examination.

The towel measures 20 "by 10". It is old and worn and very dirty and oil stained. Dull brownish red stains, with the appearance of blood stains, are visible on the fabric towards the centre. This staining only penetrates through the fabric in isolated spots.

Chemical and physical tests confirm the stain to be blood stain.

Micrological Examination.

Micrological tests made with specific anti-human blood serum on an extract of the stain and with the necessary control tests showed that the stain was from human blood.

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ANALYST.

Marie Robertson

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